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## GOVERNMENT FORCES CLASH WITH REBELS NEAR N?DJAMENA

11. (SBU) Chadian military engaged rebel forces for the first time between Massakory and Massaguet, 60-90 miles NE of the capital. President Deby reportedly returned to N?Djamena January 31.

N?DJAMENA QUIET OVERNIGHT; MORE FRENCH TROOPS ARRIVE

- 12. (SBU) The airport is open for normal operations. The Air France flight departed N?Djamena as scheduled January 31. Land borders remain open.
- 13. (SBU) 150 extra troops arrived overnight to reinforce the 1,100 strong French garrison.

14. (SBU) Embassy reports deployment of riot police throughout city. It is unclear if the deployment is a reaction to a specific incident or is precautionary.

## AMERICANS SAFE

- 15. (SBU) Post received two American citizen inquiries overnight and continues to be in contact with the estimated 486 Americans throughout the country.
- $\P6$ . (SBU) All Embassy Community personnel, including TDYers are safe and accounted for. Post has not requested authorized departure, but continues to monitor the situation.